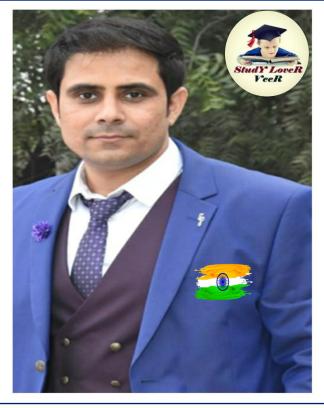
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भारत को पड़ोस से बड़ा खतरा



INA by VeeR



14 Oct 2024



बांग्लादेश में तख्तापलट के बाद बदलती स्थिति और भारत के लिए चिंताएं

1. तख्तापलट के बाद राजनीतिक बदलाव

- बांग्लादेश में अगस्त 2024 में तख्तापलट हुआ, जिसके बाद एक अंतरिम सरकार सत्ता में आई।
- इस घटना के बाद बांग्लादेश का भारत के प्रित रुख बदल रहा है, और देश अब भारत-विरोधी होता दिखाई दे रहा है।

2. हिंदू समुदाय पर अत्याचार

- तख्तापलट के बाद बांग्लादेश में हिंदू अल्पसंख्यक समुदाय पर अत्याचार की घटनाओं में वृद्धि हुई है, जो एक गंभीर चिंता का विषय है।
- इससे भारत-बांग्लादेश संबंधों में तनाव बढ़ने की संभावना है।

3. चीन की नौसेना का बांग्लादेश में आगमन

- तख्तापलट के बाद, चीनी नौसेना का बेड़ा बांग्लादेश के चटगांव बंदरगाह पर पहुंचा।
- यह चीनी नौसेना का तख्तापलट के बाद बांग्लादेश में पहला दौरा था, जो चीन-बांग्लादेश सैन्य और रणनीतिक सहयोग को दर्शाता है।

4. चीन-बांग्लादेश के मजबूत होते संबंध

- चीन के राजदूत याओ वेन ने कहा कि बांग्लादेश में राजनीतिक बदलाव के बावजूद चीन-बांग्लादेश संबंधों में कोई रुकावट नहीं आएगी।
- चीन और बांग्लादेश "बेल्ट एंड रोड इनिशिएटिव" और अन्य क्षेत्रों में सहयोग को और गहरा करने की दिशा में काम करेंगे।

सुरक्षा और नौसैनिक सहयोग

- चीनी और बांग्लादेशी नौसेना अधिकारियों ने समुद्री और सुरक्षा सहयोग को मजबूत करने पर चर्चा की।
- चीन-बांग्लादेश नौसैनिक सहयोग से भारत की सुरक्षा चिंताएं बढ़ सकती हैं, विशेष रूप से बंगाल की खाड़ी क्षेत्र में।

6. चटगांव बंदरगाह का निर्माण

- बांग्लादेश, चीन की मदद से चटगांव में एक आधुनिक बंदरगाह का निर्माण कर रहा है, जिसमें पनडुब्बियों और युद्धपोतों को ठहरने की सुविधा होगी।
- यह बंदरगाह क्षेत्रीय सुरक्षा संतुलन पर प्रभाव डाल सकता है और भारत के लिए एक रणनीतिक चुनौती बन सकता है।





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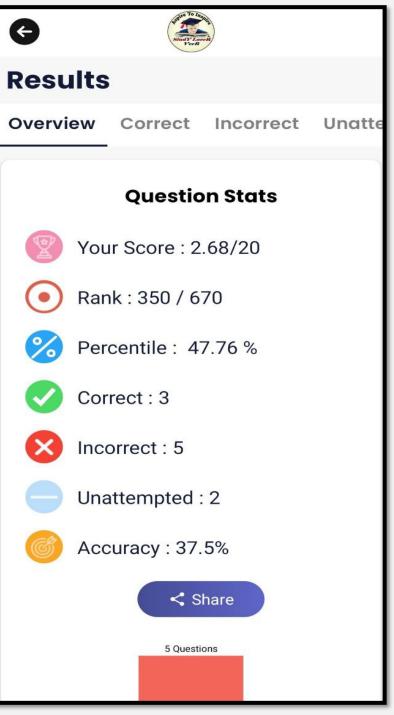
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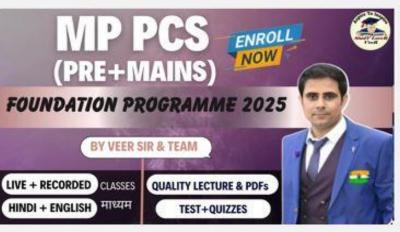
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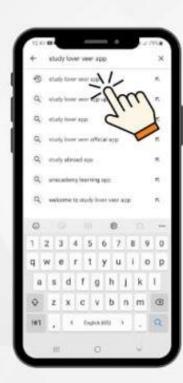
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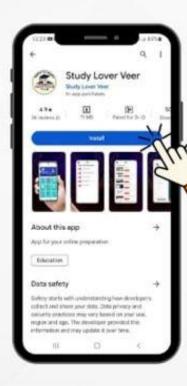
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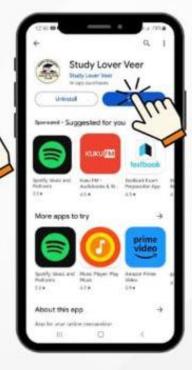
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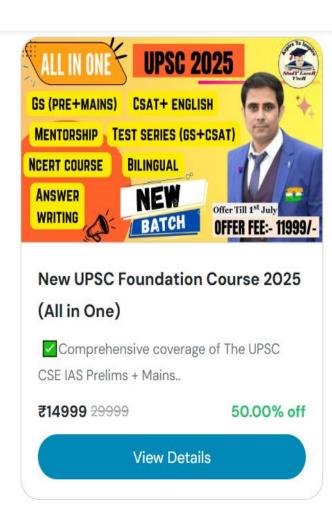
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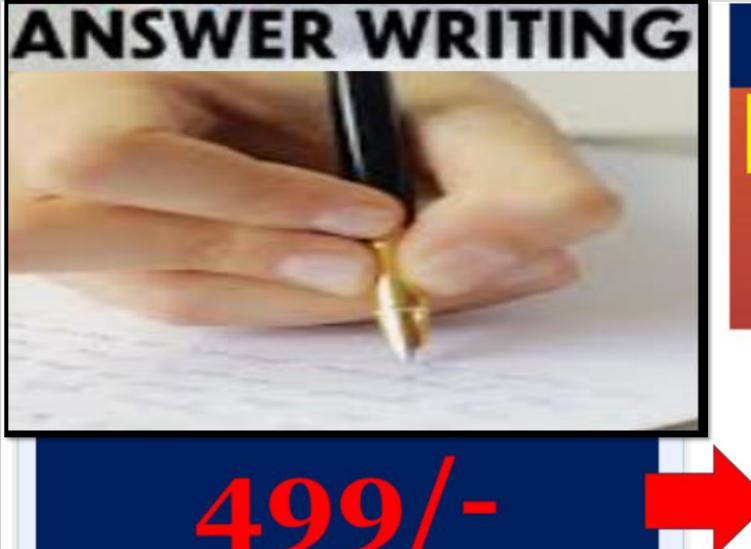
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Nicaragua breaks diplomatic ties with Israel amid ongoing Gaza war

In a largely symbolic move, the Ortega government condemned Israel's leaders as 'fascist' and 'genocidal' over Gaza war.





Nicaragua, set between the Pacific Ocean and the Caribbean Sea, is a Central American nation known for its dramatic terrain of lakes, volcanoes and beaches. Vast Lake Managua and the iconic stratovolcano Momotombo sit north of the capital Managua. To its south is Granada, noted for its Spanish colonial architecture and an archipelago of navigable islets rich in tropical bird life.

- Capital: Managua
- Currency: Nicaraguan Córdoba
- President: Daniel Ortega
- ❖ Official language: Spanish
- Continent: North America

प्रशांत महासागर और कैरिबियन सागर के बीच स्थित निकारागुआ एक मध्य अमेरिकी राष्ट्र है जो झीलों, ज्वालामुखियों और समुद्र तटों के अपने नाटकीय भूभाग के लिए जाना जाता है। विशाल झील मानागुआ और प्रतिष्ठित स्ट्रेटोवोलकैनों मोमोटोम्बो राजधानी मानागुआ के उत्तर में स्थित हैं। इसके दक्षिण में ग्रेनेडा है, जो अपनी स्पेनिश औपनिवेशिक वास्त्कला और उष्णकटिबंधीय पक्षी जीवन से समृद्ध नौगम्य टाप्ओं के द्वीपसमूह के लिए प्रसिद्ध है।

- राजधानी: मानागुआ
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King Charles will not oppose Australian republic bid

British republican group Republic, is in Australia to protest against the monarchy during the King's visit.

Charles III is King of the United Kingdom and the 14 other Commonwealth realms. Charles was born in Buckingham Palace during the reign of his maternal grandfather, King George VI, and became heir apparent when his mother, Queen Elizabeth II, acceded to the throne in 1952.

चार्ल्स तृतीय यूनाइटेड किंगडम और 14 अन्य राष्ट्रमंडल क्षेत्रों के राजा हैं। चार्ल्स का जन्म बिकंघम पैलेस में उनके नाना, किंग जॉर्ज VI के शासनकाल के दौरान हुआ था, और 1952 में उनकी माँ, महारानी एलिजाबेथ द्वितीय के सिंहासन पर बैठने के बाद वे उत्तराधिकारी बने।





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Israeli tanks ram gate of UN peace mission in Lebanon

Prime Minister Netanyahu, in a video message to UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres, says the 'time has come' to withdraw UNIFIL from 'Hezbollah strongholds and from the combat zones'

Dinakar Peri

NEW DELHI

srael Defence Forces (IDF) tanks destroyed the main gate of a facility of the UN peacekeeping forces at Ramyah in south Lebanon on Sunday, the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) said. The UN forces are coming under attack for the fourth consecutive day.

Smoke that entered the camp following several rounds fired nearby left 15 peacekeepers with skin irritation and gastrointestinal reactions, UNIFIL said. IDF soldiers also stopped a critical logistical movement on Saturday, it said.

In a video message to UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu made an "appeal" that the "time has



An Israeli tank entering Lebanon at Naqoura. UN peacekeepers say tanks broke through a gate to enter a Blue Helmet position. AFP

come" to withdraw UNIFIL from "Hezbollah strongholds and from the combat zones". "Mr. Secretary-General, get the UNIFIL forces out of harm's way. It should be done right now, immediately," he said. "Your refusal to evacuate UNIFIL soldiers has turned them into hostages of Hezbollah. This endangers both them and the lives of

our soldiers," he said.

Early on Sunday, peacekeepers at a UN position in Ramyah observed three platoons of IDF soldiers crossing the Blue Line into Lebanon, UNIFIL said, and around 4.30 a.m., while peacekeepers were in shelters, two IDF Merkava tanks destroyed the position's main gate and forcibly entered the position. The IDF said the tank entered the premises as its troops faced a barrage of anti-tank missiles in southern Lebanon and that a smoke screen was used to provide cover for the evacuation of injured soldiers. "Throughout the entirety of the incident, no danger was posed to UNIFIL forces by the IDF activity," IDF said, adding its soldiers maintained coordination with UNIFIL throughout.

There are more than 10,000 peacekeepers from 50 countries under UN-IFIL, under the Security Council. India is the third largest contributor to the force with 903 soldiers. According to defence officials, the Indian Battalion has no presence at Ramyah.

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IDF Tanks Destroy UNIFIL Facility's Main Gate in South Lebanon

1. Incident Overview:

- Date & Location: On Sunday, Israeli Defence Forces (IDF) tanks destroyed the main gate of a United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) facility in Ramyah, South Lebanon.
- Attack Frequency: This is the fourth consecutive day that UNIFIL forces have come under attack.

Impact on Peacekeepers:

- Health Effects: 15 UN peacekeepers suffered skin irritation and gastrointestinal reactions
 after smoke from nearby fire entered the camp.
- Logistics Disruption: The IDF also blocked a critical UNIFIL logistical movement on Saturday, preventing necessary operations.

3. Israeli Prime Minister's Appeal:

- Netanyahu's Message: Israeli PM Benjamin Netanyahu appealed to UN Secretary-General
 Antonio Guterres to withdraw UNIFIL from areas controlled by Hezbollah to prevent harm
 to peacekeepers and Israeli soldiers.
- He emphasized that peacekeepers were being turned into "hostages of Hezbollah" and urged immediate action to avoid further risks.

4. IDF Justification:

 Crossing the Blue Line: Early Sunday, IDF soldiers crossed the Blue Line into Lebanon. At around 4:30 a.m., IDF Merkava tanks destroyed the UNIFIL gate and forcibly entered the position.

5. UNIFIL's Response:

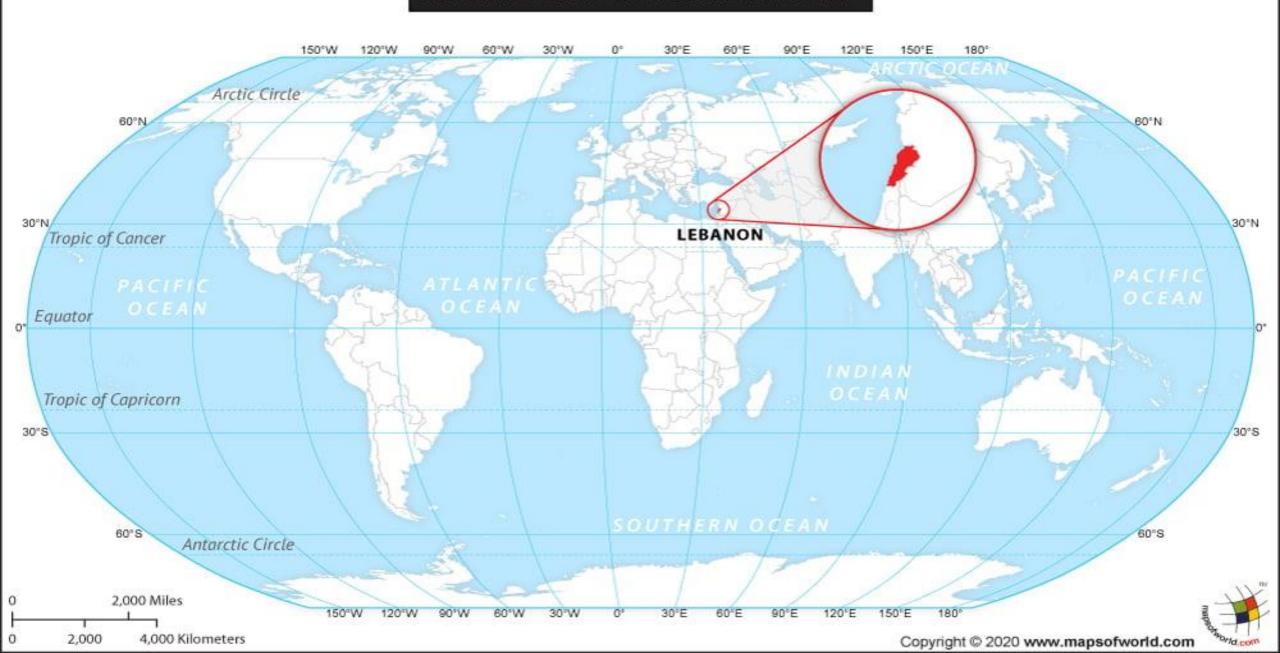
- Violation of International Law: UNIFIL labeled the IDF's action as a "flagrant violation" of international law and UN Security Council Resolution 1701 (2006), which mandates the protection and freedom of movement for peacekeepers.
- International Concern: A joint statement from 34 troop-contributing countries, later endorsed by 6 more, including India, condemned the attacks and called for the protection of UNIFIL forces.

6. UNIFIL Composition & Indian Contribution:

- UNIFIL Forces: Over 10,000 peacekeepers from 50 countries are part of the UNIFIL mission.
- India's Role: India, the third-largest contributor, has 903 soldiers in UNIFIL, though the Indian Battalion is not stationed at the Ramyah facility involved in the incident.



LEBANON LOCATION MAP



What are the mandates of UN Peacekeeping operation?

 UN peace operations are deployed on the basis of mandates from the United Nations Security Council.

Role of Peacekeeping operations include

- Maintaining peace and security;
- Facilitate the political process, protect civilians;
- Assist in the disarmament, demobilisation and reintegration of former combatants;
- Support the organisation of elections;
- Protect and promote human rights;
- Assist in restoring the rule of law.

Countries Contributing The Most Troops To UN Peacekeeping

Bangladesh was contributing 7,233 soldiers to United Nations peacekeeping missions, the highest number of any country. Nepal followed with 6,251 troops, while India contributed just above 6,000 troops. All the top 20 contributors were countries in the Global South.

As of 31 December, 2022

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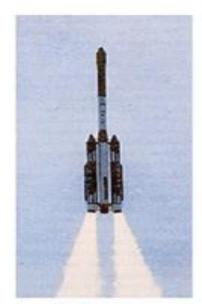
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Bishnoi gang likely behind murder of Mumbai NCP leader, says police officer

Abhinay Deshpande MUMBAI

Hours after jailed gangster Lawrence Bishnoi's gang took responsibility for the assassination of former Maharashtra Minister Baba Siddique, a leader of the Ajit Pawar-led Nationalist Congress Party (NCP), sources in the Mumbai Police have confirmed its alleged involvement.

Siddique was shot dead by three persons ahead of the Assembly election in the State. Gurmail Baljit Singh (23) from Haryana and another accused from Uttar Pradesh were presented before a court here on Sunday. Mr. Singh has been remanded in police custody till October 21. The age of the other accused remains disputed, prompting the court to order an ossification test to verify his claims of being a minor.

The police said that one Pravin Lonkar had been ar-



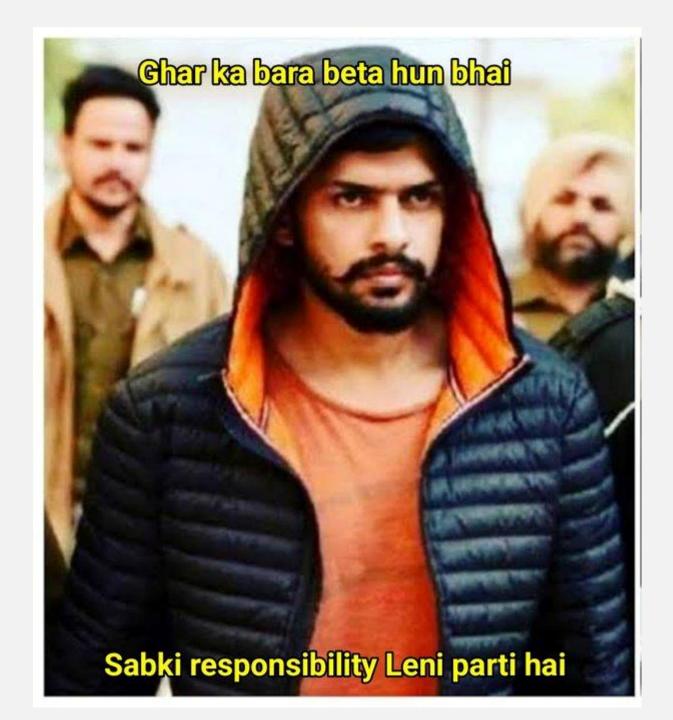
Police personnel escort one of the accused in the killing of Baba Siddique to a court in Mumbai on Sunday. ANI

the shooters whom the police managed to track down till Panvel, while Mr. Akhtar allegedly received the contract to kill Siddique.

Mr. Siddique was ambushed by three men near the office of his son and MLA, Zeeshan Siddique, in Deputy Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis said the police had found some leads in connection with the assassination.

Different angles

Mr. Fadnavis, who holds the Home portfolio, stated that different angles were





1. Assassination and Investigation:

- Former Maharashtra Minister Baba Siddique was shot dead ahead of the upcoming Assembly election.
- The Lawrence Bishnoi gang claimed responsibility for the assassination via a social media post, and Mumbai Police confirmed the gang's involvement after an investigation.
- Two suspects, Gurmail Baljit Singh (23) from Haryana and another accused from Uttar
 Pradesh, have been arrested. Singh has been remanded to police custody until October 21.

2. Accused and Arrests:

 Pravin Lonkar was arrested in Pune and identified as a key conspirator who recruited the shooters. The suspects had been monitoring Siddique's movements for three months.

3. Legal and Investigation Developments:

- The age of one accused remains in dispute, leading to an ossification test to verify if he is a minor.
- 15 police teams have been deployed across Maharashtra to trace individuals who provided logistical support.

4. Security Measures:

Siddique had non-categorized security, with three police constables assigned to him,
 rotating in shifts. At the time of the attack, only one officer was present.

Motives Behind the Murder:

- The police are probing potential motives, including:
 - Political rivalry related to the upcoming Maharashtra Assembly election.
 - Business rivalry, possibly linked to a slum rehabilitation project.
 - The possibility of a contract killing.

6. Political Reactions:

- Sharad Pawar, NCP (SP) supremo, demanded government accountability and called for the resignation of the state government, criticizing its handling of the situation.
- Deputy CM Devendra Fadnavis responded by confirming that the police had found leads but refrained from disclosing further details.







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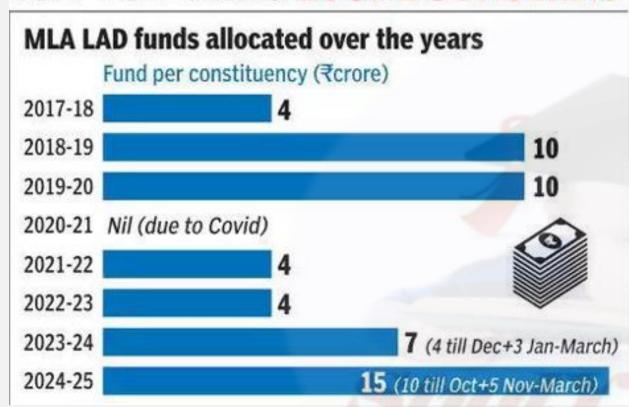
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 (MLALAD) fund allows Members of the
 Legislative Assembly (MLAs) to allocate
 funds for development works within their
 respective constituencies.
- *Purpose: These funds are meant to address local needs, promote infrastructure development, and enhance the quality of life for residents.
- They are issued to MLAs for local development such as repairing roads, and streetlights, developing parks, and laying sewer lines in colonies.

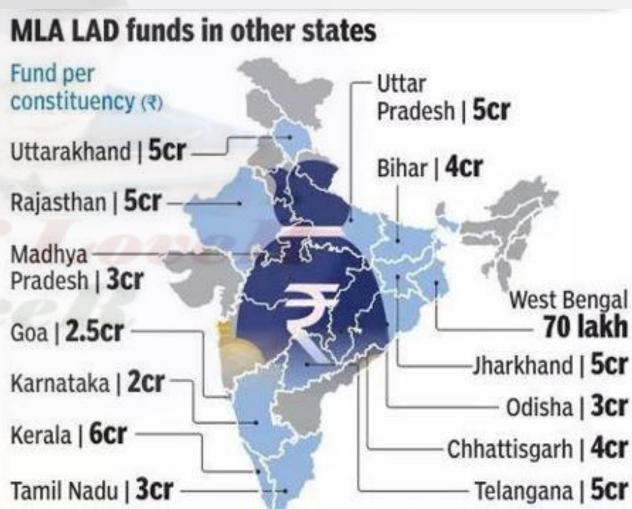
MLALAD Fund



- ❖ Process: Each MLA has the choice to suggest to the Deputy Commissioner of his/her district, to the extent of allocations given from year to year, to be taken up by his/her constituency.
- *The amount provided under MLALAD Scheme is released in the form of Grant-in-aid for utilisation by the districts or local authorities.
- ❖ The unspent amount from the MLALAD fund does not lapse and is allocated to the MLA in the next financial year.

KEY TO FIXING LOCAL CONCERNS





Members of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme (MPLADS)



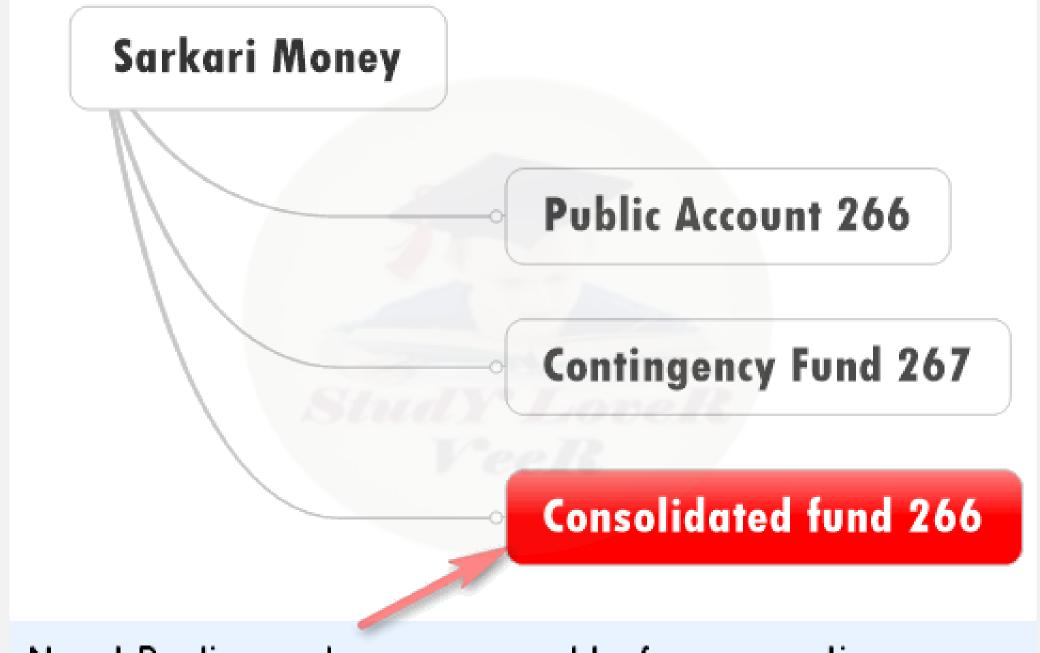
- ➤ MPLADS is a scheme formulated by Government of India on 23 December 1993
- Initially, this scheme was administered by Ministry of Rural Development.
- Later, in October 1994, Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MOSPI) has been looking into its working.

 Central Sector Scheme.
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- ✓ Rs. 5 lakh in 1993-94
- √ Rs. 2 crore in 1998-99
- ✓ Each MP is allocated Rs. 5 crore per year since 2011-12
- MoSPI disburses funds to district authorities, not directly to MPs.
- Funds are non-lapsable in nature
- Top-5 states with highest utilisation-to-released fund ratio are Telangana (101.42%), Sikkim (100.89%), Chhattisgarh (99.6%), Kerala (99.3%) and West Bengal (98.65%).
- The <u>Bottom-5 states are</u> Uttarakhand (87.22%), Tripura (88.46%), Jharkhand (88.93%), Rajasthan (90.16%) and Odisha (90.54%).
- MPLADS funds happened in sectors: <u>'railways, roads, pathways and bridges' (43%)</u> and 'Other public activities' (23%)
- Education, health, water and sanitation sectors received less funding.

Consolidated Fund of India

- □ All revenues received by the Government by way of taxes like <u>Income Tax</u>, <u>Central Excise</u>, <u>Customs and other receipts flowing to the Government in connection with the conduct of Government business</u> are credited into the Consolidated Fund.
- □ <u>Similarly, all loans raised by the Government</u> by issue of Public notifications, treasury bills (internal debt) and loans obtained from foreign governments and international institutions (external debt) are credited into this fund.
- □ <u>All expenditure of the government</u> is incurred from this fund and no amount can be withdrawn from the Fund without authorization from the Parliament.



Need Parliamentary approval before spending

How does MPLADS work?



Members of Parliament

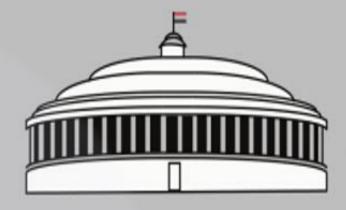
- recommend works based

on local needs of the

selected constituency



- sanction eligible works
- select implementing agency
- responsible for implementation



Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI): Central Government

- formulates MPLADS Policy
- Releases ₹ 5 crore anually, in installments
 of ₹ 2.5 crore, directly to District Authority
 establishes monitoring mechanisms



Completed and Ongoing works listed at DA's office and on www.mplads.gov.in



Citizens can file RTI to know about status of works and funds

Question

Consider the following statements regarding the MLALAD fund.

- 1. It allows MLAs to allocate funds for development works within their respective constituencies.
- 2. The unspent amount from the MLALAD fund lapses at the end of each financial year.

Which of the statement/s given above is/are correct?

- Only 1
- Only 2
- Both 1 and 2
- d) None of the Above

MLALAD फंड के बारे में निम्नलिखित कथनों पर विचार करें।

- यह विधायकों को अपने-अपने निर्वाचन क्षेत्रों में विकास कार्यों के लिए धन आवंटित करने की अनुमित देता है।
 MLALAD फंड से खर्च न की गई राशि प्रत्येक वित्तीय वर्ष के अंत में समाप्त हो
- जाती है।

ऊपर दिए गए कथनों में से कौन-सा/से सही

- केवल 1
- b) केवल 2
- c) दोनों 1 और 2 d) इनमें से कोई भी नहीं

ANSWER - A

MLALAD Fund

- ❖ MLA Local Area Development (MLALAD) fund allows Members of the Legislative Assembly (MLAs) to allocate funds for development works within their respective constituencies.
- ❖ Purpose: These funds are meant to address local needs, promote infrastructure development, and enhance the quality of life for residents.
- ❖ They are issued to MLAs for local development such as repairing roads, and streetlights, developing parks, and laying sewer lines in colonies.
- ❖ Process: Each MLA has the choice to suggest to the Deputy Commissioner of his/her district, to the extent of allocations given from year to year, to be taken up by his/her constituency.
- ❖ The amount provided under MLALAD Scheme is released in the form of Grant-inaid for utilisation by the districts or local authorities.
- ❖ The unspent amount from the MLALAD fund does not lapse and is allocated to the MLA in the next financial year. *Hence, Statement 2 is not correct.*

- संसद सदस्य स्थानीय क्षेत्र विकास योजना (MPLADS)
 के अन्तर्गत निधियों के संदर्भ में, निम्नलिखित कथनों में
 से कौन-से सही हैं ?
 - MPLADS निधियाँ टिकाऊ परिसंपत्तियों जैसे स्वास्थ्य, शिक्षा, आदि की भौतिक आधारभूत संरचनाओं के निर्माण में ही प्रयुक्त हो सकती हैं।
 - प्रत्येक सांसद की निधि का एक निश्चित अंश अनुसूचित जाति/जनजाति जनसंख्या के लाभार्थ प्रयुक्त होना आवश्यक है।
 - MPLADS निधियाँ वार्षिक आधार पर स्वीकृत की जाती हैं और अप्रयुक्त निधि को अगले वर्ष के लिए अग्रेनीत नहीं किया जा सकता ।
 - कार्यान्वित हो रहे सभी कार्यों में से कम-से-कम 10% कार्यों का जिला प्राधिकारी द्वारा प्रति वर्ष निरीक्षण अनिवार्य है ।

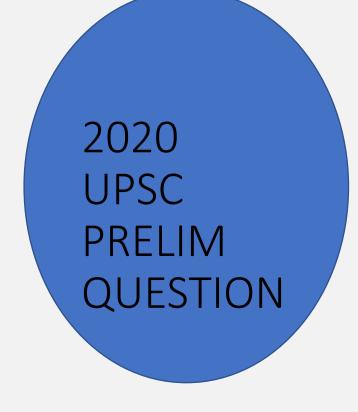
नीचे दिए गए कूट का प्रयोग कर सही उत्तर चुनिए :

- (a) केवल 1 और 2
- (b) केवल 3 और 4
- (c) केवल 1, 2 और 3
- (d) केवल 1, 2'और 4

- 3. With reference to the funds under Members of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme (MPLADS), which of the following statements are correct?
 - MPLADS funds must be used to create durable assets like physical infrastructure for health, education, etc.
 - A specified portion of each MP's fund must benefit SC/ST populations.
 - MPLADS funds are sanctioned on yearly basis and the unused funds cannot be carried forward to the next year.
 - The district authority must inspect at least 10% of all works under implementation every year.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- (a) 1 and 2 only
- (b) 3 and 4 only
- (c) 1, 2 and 3 only
- (d) 1, 2 and 4 only



ANSWER - D

Jumbo steps



Set for reopening: With the elephant safari scheduled to reopen shortly for the tourist season at Kaziranga National Park, the pachyderms are being taken to a forest camp in the park's Bagori range in Assam. RITU RAJ KONWAR

Kaziranga National Park

- ❖ A prestigious national park of India situated in the northeastern part of the country in the district of Golaghat and Nagoan in the state of **Assam.**
- * It was created in the year of **1904**.
- * It was declared a National Park in 1974.
- * It was declared a tiger reserve in 2007.
- * Kaziranga was declared a **World Heritage Site by UNESCO** for its unique natural environment in the year of **1985**.
- The park has been identified as an **Important Bird Area** by the **Birdlife International Society** as it is home to various species of migrating and inhabitant birds.
- ❖ It is situated on the banks of the river **Brahmaputra**.
- ❖ It is majorly known for the 'big four' species— Rhino, Elephant, Royal Bengal tiger, and Asiatic water buffalo.
- The National Highway 37 passes through it.
- ❖ The **Diphlu River** runs through it.
- The landscape is marked by: **Tropical moist mixed deciduous forests** and **tropical semi-evergreen forests**, **tall grasses**, **open jungle**, and **short grasses**.

One -horned Rhino:

- * The greater one-horned rhino (or "Indian rhino") is the **largest** of the rhino species.
- ❖ It is found in **Nepal**, **Bhutan**, **Pakistan** and **India**.
- ❖ It is **Vulnerable** in the IUCN Red List and lies in **Schedule I of the Wildlife Protection Act**.
- **It is in Appendix I** of the **Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES):**
- ❖ India is home to over 85 % population. It is found in UP, West Bengal and Assam.
- ❖ According to WWF data from 2012, Assam has 91 % of the total Rhino in India which is mainly concentrated in Kaziranga National Park, and Pobitora Wildlife Sanctuary. Others include Manas Tiger Reserve, Orang Tiger Reserve and Laokhowa Reserved Forests
- * There are **five rhino species**:
 - ❖ Great One horned rhino- **Vulnerable** in the IUCN Red List.
 - ❖ White rhinos near threatened in the IUCN Red List.
 - ❖ Black rhinos in Africa **critically endangered** in the IUCN Red List.
 - ❖ Javan rhino- **Critically endangered** in IUCN Red List.
 - ❖ Sumatran rhinos- extinct.
- ❖ There are three species of rhino in Asia—Greater one-horned (Rhinoceros unicornis), Javan and Sumatran.
- ❖ Only the Great One-Horned Rhino is found in India.
- * Also known as Indian rhino, it is the largest of the rhino species.

Question

Consider the following statements regarding Kaziranga National Park.

- It was created in the year of 1904.
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- Kaziranga was declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO for its unique natural environment in the year of 1985.
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How many statement/s given above is/are correct?

- Only one statement
- Only two statements
- Only three statements
- All of the Above

काजीरंगा राष्ट्रीय उद्यान के संबंध में निम्नलिखित कथनों पर विचार करें।

- . इसे 1904 में बनाया गया था।
- 2. इसे 1974 में राष्ट्रीय उद्यान घोषित किया गया था। 3. काजीरंगा को 1985 में अपने अद्वितीय प्राकृतिक वातावरण के लिए यूनेस्को द्वारा विश्व धरोहर स्थल घोषित किया गया था।
- 4. यह मुख्य रूप से 'बड़ी चार' प्रजातियों- गैंडे, हाथी, रॉयल बंगाल टाइगर और एशियाई जल भैंस के लिए जाना जाता है।

ऊपर दिए गए कितने कथन सही हैं?

- केवल एक कथन
- केवल दो कथन
- केवल तीन कथन
- ऊपर के सभी

ANSWER - D

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Hence, All Statements are correct.



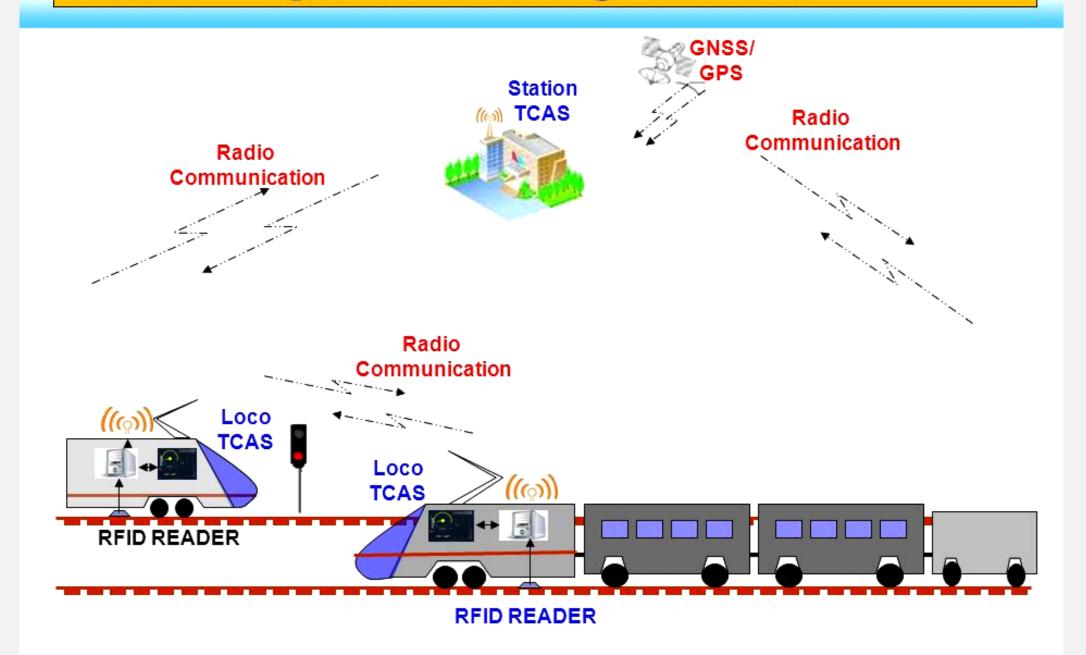
Take the gauntlet

'Kavach' implementation is a priority but will not be a silver bullet

n October 11, a passenger train collided with a stationary goods train fast enough for 13 bogies to overturn and one to catch ire, in Kavaraipettai near Chennai. No casualties vere reported although several people were inured. No deaths and swift post-event action vould have rendered this incident less significant f not for the recent spate of railway accidents cross zones, spotlighting the oft-precarious conlitions of trains, the infrastructure they need to perate, and the people and goods they tranport. In the Kavaraipettai incident, officials said he passenger train received a green signal to ener the main line but it passed into the loop line, ear-ending the goods train. 'Kavach', the Indian lailways' train protection system of choice, is deigned to avoid such incidents, and the governnent can install it across its entire network in a lecade with as little as 2% of its annual capex. Of ourse the effects of its implementation will beome clear in a similar span of time, not in a few nonths as some in the political class are demandng. This said, if the seemingly straightforward auses - due to which a naive decision to reroute train can turn into the reason for a major accilent – are a sign of the precarity of the railway inrastructure, 'Kavach' coverage plus overhauling existing signalling systems should be a national priority but cannot be considered a silver bullet.

The long-standing delay in improving safety could be symptomatic of shortfalls in multiple treas. For example, the staff of the Railways mater for safety, too. Recent media reports have revealed deplorable working conditions for East Loast, Western, and Central Railways locomotive pilots, including 12-hour shifts, unhygienic restant for illing and always of the illing and always for the conditions.

TCAS - System configuration



- * Kavach Train Collision Avoidance System
- ❖ India's own automatic protection system, developed since 2012, initially named TCAS, later renamed Kavach (meaning "armour").
- Designed to help Indian Railways achieve zero accidents.

❖ <u>Development:</u>

- ❖ 1. Developed by the Research Design and Standards Organisation (RDSO) with Indian industry collaboration.
- 2. South Central Railway facilitated trials for safety in train operations.

***** Functioning:

- ❖ 1. Uses electronic and Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) devices installed in locomotives, signalling systems, and tracks.
- ❖ 2. Enables communication between locomotives, signalling systems, and tracks using ultra-high radio frequencies to control train brakes and alert drivers.

Features:

- ❖ 1. Automatic braking if the driver fails to control the train according to speed restrictions.
- 2. Prevents collisions between locomotives equipped with Kavach.
- ❖ 3. Assists in avoiding Signal Passing At Danger (SPAD) and over speeding.
- ❖ 4. SPAD: When a train passes a stop signal without authorization.
- ❖ 5. Provides support during adverse weather conditions, such as dense fog.
- ❖ 6. Certified with Safety Integrity Level 4 (SIL-4), with an error probability of one in 10,000 years.

❖ Additional Features:

- ❖ 1. Automatic braking to prevent overspeeding.
- 2. Auto whistling when approaching level crossing gates.
- ❖ 3. SOS messages during emergencies.
- ❖ 4. Centralized live monitoring of train movements through the Network Monitor System.

❖ <u>Deployment Strategy:</u>

- ❖ 1. Indian Railways planned to implement the Kavach system over 2,000 km during 2022-23.
- ❖ 2. Plans to cover approximately 34,000 km of the network with Kavach.

* Benefits:

- 1. Enhances safety for Indian Railways.
- ❖ 2. World's cheapest automatic train collision protection system, costing ₹50 lakh per kilometre compared to ₹2 crore worldwide.
- ❖ 3. Opens avenues for exporting this indigenous technology for railways.



Scuttling people's right to information

he Right to Information (RTI) Act, 2005, has been one of the most empowering laws for Indians. From exposing corruption in the delivery of basic rights to bringing to light the truth behind the opaque electoral bonds scheme, the law has been used by citizens to hold power to account. Therefore, it is no surprise that there is a severe backlash against both the legislation, which has just entered its 20th year, and those who use it.

Vacant posts

Governments are scuttling the RTI Act by not appointing information commissioners and allowing the commissions to crumble under the weight of mounting backlogs. A 2023-24 report of the Satark Nagrik Sangathan, a citizens group that campaigns for transparency in government functioning, shows that seven out of 29 information commissions were defunct for varying periods of time last year. The commission of Iharkhand has not been functional for over four years, while those of Tripura and Telangana have been defunct for three years and one and a half years, respectively.

Many information commissions were found to be functioning without an adequate number of



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Even when appointments are made, a majority of the appointees are either retired government officials or people who enjoy political patronage. They are often reluctant to act against violations of the transparency law. The report shows that commissions did not impose penalties in 95% of the cases where penalties could be imposed. This failure sends a

the government brought amendments which dealt a blow to the autonomy of information commissions by empowering the Central government to determine the tenure, salaries, pensions and post-retirement entitlements of all information commissioners.

The Digital Personal Data

Protection (DPDP) Act, 2023, included an explicit provision to amend the RTI law to exempt all personal information from disclosure. The RTI Act of 2005 provided for protection of the privacy of individuals through section 8(1)(j). In order to invoke this section to deny personal information, at least one of the following grounds had to be proven: information sought had no relationship to any public activity or public interest; or information sought was such that it would cause unwarranted invasion of privacy, and the information officer was satisfied that there is no larger public interest that justified disclosure. The DPDP Act amended section 8(1)(j) to expand its purview and exempt all personal information from the ambit of the RTI Act. It also deleted a key provision in the law, which gave citizens a right to information at par with Members of Parliament and Members of Legislative Assemblies.

1. Importance of the RTI Act:

- The RTI Act (2005) is a pivotal law for citizens to hold power accountable. It has been
 instrumental in exposing corruption and bringing transparency in government schemes,
 including the opaque electoral bonds scheme.
- It is seen as a tool that empowers citizens by enabling transparency and accountability in governance.

2. Challenges Faced by the RTI Act:

- Vacant Posts in Information Commissions:
 - Governments are stalling the implementation of the RTI by not appointing enough information commissioners, leading to backlogs in cases.

 The Central Information Commission has 8 out of 11 posts vacant, and it has been noted that citizens have had to approach courts to ensure appointments.

3. Impact of Vacant Posts:

- Backlog of Appeals: Over 4 lakh appeals and complaints are pending in commissions across India.
- In some states, it takes years for cases to be addressed, with some appeals expected to be resolved only by 2029.
- This delays justice, undermines the effectiveness of the RTI Act, and makes the right to information virtually inaccessible for many.

Threats to RTI Activists:

- According to Transparency International India, nearly 100 people have been killed for using the RTI Act, and many others have faced threats, assaults, and false cases.
- Despite the Whistleblowers Protection Act passed in 2014, it remains unimplemented, offering little to no protection for those exposing corruption.

Significance of the RTI Act:

- The RTI Act has been vital in redistributing power within the democratic framework and transforming the relationship between the government and citizens.
- An erosion of the right to information is seen as an erosion of democracy itself, as it undermines the citizen's ability to hold the government accountable.









Topic- Geography

Imp News

Uttarakhand: Woman drowns in Saryu river after dam gates opened 'without warning'



Sarayu River

- **❖ Originates from Lake Mansarovar in the Himalayas** and is also known as the **Ghaghra and the Manas Nandini.**
- * The Sarayu is the largest tributary of the Sharda River.
- ❖ The length of the river is **350 km**.
- ❖ Saryu is a major river draining the **Central Kumaon region** in the Indian state of Uttarakhand.
- ❖ It merges into the Sharada River at Pancheshwar at the India-Nepal border.
- **❖** The Saryu river **tributaries** on the **Right side are Gomti**, **pannar** Lohar **Left side Ramganga and Punger**.
- ❖ Sarayu flows through the cities of **Kapkot**, **Bageshwar and Seraghat** in the state of Uttarakhand.
- ❖ The famous city of Ayodhya in Uttar Pradesh is situated on the bank of the Sarayu river.
- ❖ The Sarayu River, revered in Hindu scriptures, is the lifeline of Ayodhya, offering a serene backdrop for spiritual rituals and contemplation.
- ❖ Bhuni, Sup, and Khatiare some of the famous ghats on this river's bank
- **Temperate and sub-Tropical forests**cover the entire catchment area of the Sarayu River.

- हिमालय में मानसरोवर झील से निकलती है और इसे घाघरा और मानस नंदिनी के नाम से भी जाना जाता है।
- सरयू शारदा नदी की सबसे बड़ी सहायक नदी है।
- नदी की लंबाई 350 किमी है।
- सरयू भारतीय राज्य उत्तराखंड में मध्य कुमाऊं क्षेत्र में बहने वाली एक प्रमुख नदी है।
 यह भारत-नेपाल सीमा पर पंचेश्वर में शारदा नदी में मिल जाती है।
- सरयू नदी की दाहिनी ओर सहायक नदियाँ गोमती, पन्नार लोहार और बाईं ओर रामगंगा और पुंगेर हैं।
- सरयू उत्तराखंड राज्य के कपकोट, बागेश्वर और सेराघाट शहरों से होकर बहती है।
- ❖ उत्तर प्रदेश का प्रसिद्ध शहर अयोध्या सरयू नदी के तट पर स्थित है।
- ♣ हिंदू धर्मग्रंथों में पूजनीय सरयू नदी अयोध्या की जीवन रेखा है, जो आध्यात्मिक अनुष्ठानों और चिंतन के लिए एक शांत पृष्ठभूमि प्रदान करती है।
- भूनी, सूप और खिटया इस नदी के तट पर स्थित कुछ प्रसिद्ध घाट हैं।
- ★ सरयू नदी के पूरे जलग्रहण क्षेत्र में समशीतोष्ण और उपोष्णकटिबंधीय वन हैं।

Sarayu River

Saryu Nahar National Project

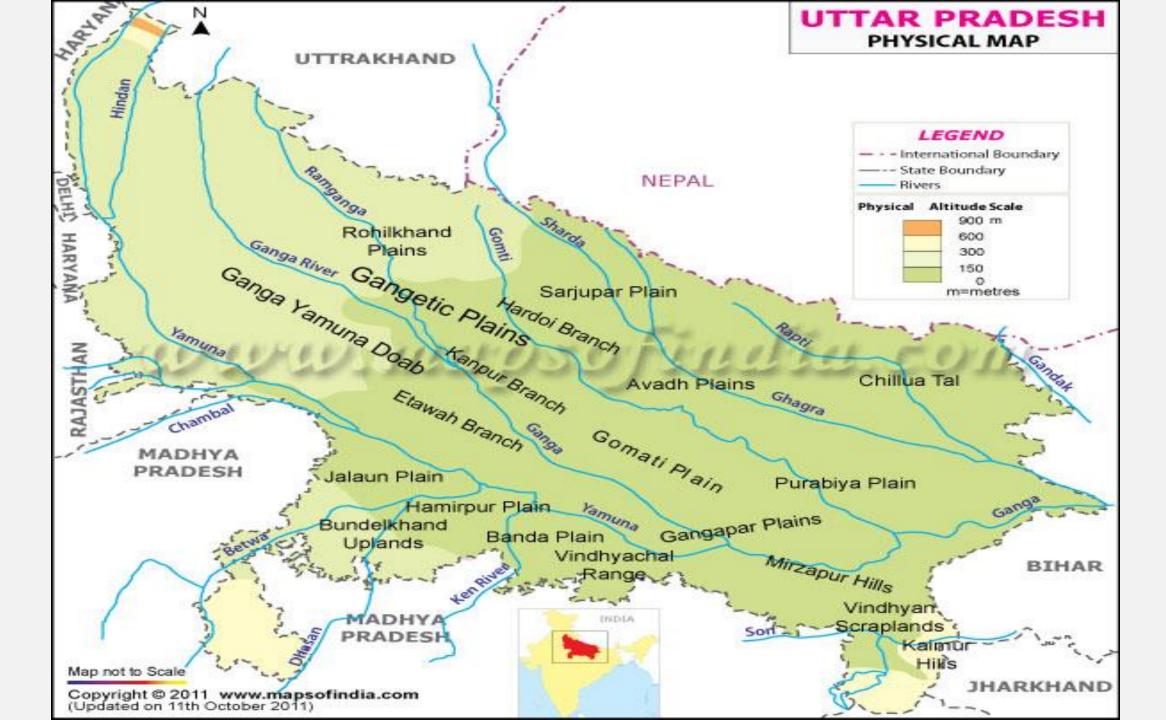
- ❖ The Project involves the interlinking of five rivers Ghaghara, Saryu, Rapti, Banganga and Rohini to ensure optimum usage of water resources of the region.
- ❖ It will benefit nine districts of Eastern Uttar Pradesh namely Bahraich, Shravasti, Balrampur, Gonda, Siddharthnagar, Basti, Sant Kabir Nagar, Gorakhpur and Maharajganj.
- ❖ The sub canals with a length of 6,600km have been linked to the 318km main canal.
- ❖ The work on the project started in 1978 but due to lack of continuity, it got delayed and was not completed even after nearly four decades.

सरयू नदी

सरयू नहर राष्ट्रीय परियोजना

- इस परियोजना में पांच नदियों घाघरा, सरयू, राप्ती, बाणगंगा और रोहिणी को आपस में जोड़ा जाएगा ताकि क्षेत्र के जल संसाधनों का अधिकतम उपयोग सुनिश्चित किया जा सके।
- ❖ इससे पूर्वी उत्तर प्रदेश के नौ जिलों बहराइच, श्रावस्ती, बलरामपुर, गोंडा, सिद्धार्थनगर, बस्ती, संत कबीर नगर, गोरखपुर और महाराजगंज को लाभ मिलेगा।
- ❖ 6,600 किलोमीटर लंबी उप नहरों को 318 किलोमीटर लंबी मुख्य नहर से जोड़ा गया है।
- ❖ इस परियोजना पर काम 1978 में शुरू हुआ था लेकिन निरंतरता की कमी के कारण इसमें देरी हुई और लगभग चार दशक बाद भी यह पूरा नहीं हो सका।





Question

Sarayu river is a tributary of which river?

सरयू नदी किस नदी की सहायक नदी है?

- a) Pindar
- b) Bhagirathi
- c) Tons
- d) Sharda

- a) पिंडर
- b) भागीरथी
- c) टोंस
- d) शारदा

ANSWER - D

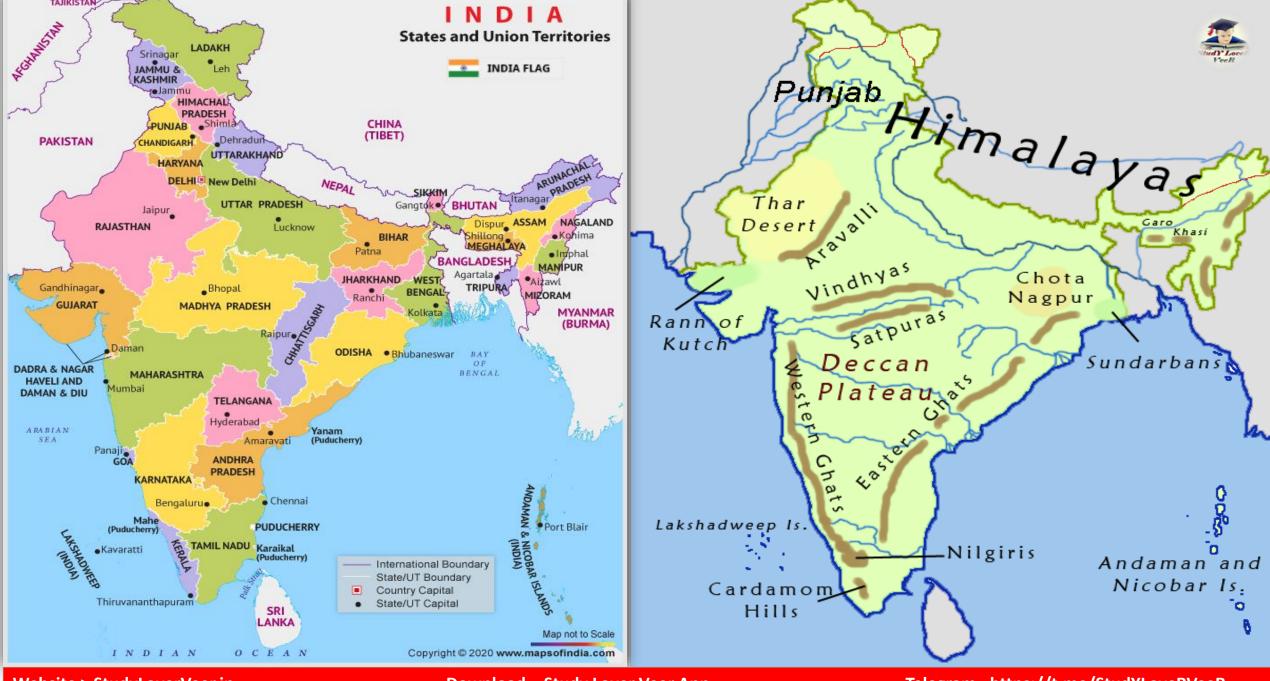
Sarayu River

- ❖ Originates from Lake Mansarovar in the Himalayas and is also known as the Ghaghra and the Manas Nandini.
- ❖ The Sarayu is the largest tributaryof the Sharda River.
- ❖ The length of the river is350 km.
- Saryu is a major river draining the Central Kumaon region in the Indian state of Uttarakhand.
- It merges into the Sharada River at Pancheshwar at the India-Nepal border. <u>Hence, Option 4 is correct.</u>
- ❖ The Saryu river tributaries on the Right side are Gomti, pannar Lohar Left side Ramganga and Punger.
- ❖ Sarayu flows through the cities of Kapkot, Bageshwar and Seraghat in the state of Uttarakhand.
- ❖ The famous city of Ayodhya in Uttar Pradesh is situated on the bank of the Sarayu river.
- ❖ The Sarayu River, revered in Hindu scriptures, is the lifeline of Ayodhya, offering a serene backdrop for spiritual rituals and contemplation.
- ❖ Bhuni, Sup, and Khatiare some of the famous ghats on this river's bank
- ❖ Temperate and sub-Tropical forestscover the entire catchment area of the Sarayu River.

ANSWER - D

सरय नदी

- ❖ हिंमालय में मानसरोवर झील से निकलती है और इसे घाघरा और मानस नंदिनी के नाम से भी जाना जाता है।
- सरयु शारदा नदी की सबसे बड़ी सहायक नदी है।
- ❖ नदी की लंबाई 350 किमी है।
- ★ सरयू भारतीय राज्य उत्तराखंड में मध्य कुमाऊं क्षेत्र में बहने वाली एक प्रमुख नदी है।
 ★ यह भारत-नेपाल सीमा पर पंचेश्वर में शारदा नदी में मिल जाती है। इसलिए, विकल्प 4 सही
- सरयू नदी की दाई ओर की सहायक नदियाँ गोमती, पन्नार लोहार और बाई ओर रामगंगा और पुंगर हैं।
- संरय उत्तराखंड राज्य के कपकोट, बागेश्वर और सेराघाट शहरों से होकर बहती है।
- ❖ उत्तर प्रदेश का प्रसिद्ध शहर अयोध्या सरयू नदी के तट पर स्थित है।
- ♣ हिंदू धर्मग्रंथों में पूजनीय सरयू नदी अयोध्या की जीवन रेखा है, जो आध्यात्मिक अनुष्ठानों और चिंतन के लिए एक शांत पृष्ठभूमि प्रदान करती है। भूनी, सुप और खटिया इस नदी के तट पर स्थित कुछ प्रसिद्ध घाट है। सरयू नदी के पूरे जलग्रहण क्षेत्र में समशीतोष्ण और उपोष्णकटिबंधीय वन हैं।



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VOCABULARY / शब्दावल

WORD	MEANING AND SYNONYMS	ANTONYMS
Polymath (noun) बहुश्रुत (संज्ञा)	a person of wide-ranging knowledge or learning. ट्यापक ज्ञान या शिक्षा वाला ट्यक्ति। polyhistor, Renaissance man, brainiac Sentence: Miller is a brilliant polymath and he has trounced his rivals by thinking differently.	ignoramus, illiterate, know- nothing
Laureate (noun) पुरस्कार विजेता (संजा)	a person who is honored with an award for outstanding creative or intellectual achievement. वह व्यक्ति जिसे उत्कृष्ट रचनात्मक या बौद्धिक उपलब्धि के लिए पुरस्कार से सम्मानित किया जाता है। acclaim, applaud, cheer Sentence: John Dryden was appointed the first Poet Laureate.	discredit, disgrace, dishonor
Escalation (noun) वृद्धि (संज्ञा)	a rapid increase; a rise. तीव्र वृद्धि। rapid increase, rise, hike Sentence: A further escalation of the crisis now seems inevitable.	Decrease, reduction
Sacked (verb) बर्खास्त (क्रिया)	dismiss from employment. नौकरी से बर्खास्त करना। dismiss, throw out, let go Sentence: Any official found to be involved would be sacked on the spot.	hire, take on, recruited
Cinch (noun) आसान काम (संज्ञा)	an extremely easy task. एक बेहद आसान काम। easy, uncomplicated, not difficult Sentence: This dish is a cinch to make.	challenging, complicated, difficult

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👉 It is an Indian politician and the chief minister of Jammu and Kashmir.

He had previously served as the chief minister between 2009 and 2014 and is the current vice president of Jammu and Kashmir National Conference since 2009.

Omar is also former member of parliament, Lok Sabha between 1998 to 2009 for Srinagar.

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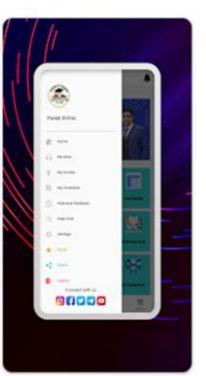
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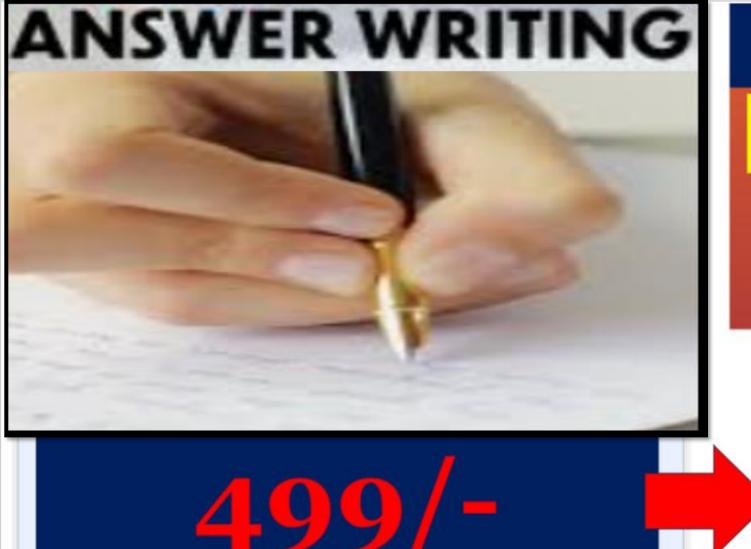












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